

MINUTES  
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
APRIL 24, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Sutphen, Block, Ashworth, Furlong, Williams  
Staff: Jones, Silsby

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott at 7:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 10, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 10, 2013

Motion by Sutphen, seconded by Ashworth, so voted unanimously

MOTION: To amend the agenda to address Moore Woodlands under New Applications before New Applications

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Block, so voted unanimously

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Moore Woodlands, 0 Irving Street – Jurisdictional Ruling

Girls Scouts Natalie Schafer and Heather Smith of Mystic showed the Agency a power point presentation that explained their proposal to construct and install two 15-foot long wooden bog bridges over two wetland areas in the Moore Woodlands. Untreated lumber will be used. The scouts explained why this work is being proposed and the benefits that could be realized, which included protecting the wetlands.

Staff explained why she believes that a permit is not required and believes that the bog bridges will limit the impact on the wetlands.

Also present was Joellen Anderson representing Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., will supervise the work. The intent is that the bridges not impede active flow.

MOTION: To find that the construction and installation of two 15-foot long wooden bog bridges over two wetland areas in the Moore Woodlands as described in the April 16, 2013 letter from Natalie Schafer and Heather Smith will not disturb the indigenous character of the wetlands, will not alter water flow, and will not result in the deposition of material in the wetlands. The Agency determines that this activity is permitted as a non-regulated use as defined in section 4.2a of its regulations and does not require a wetland permit.

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Williams, so voted unanimously

V. NEW APPLICATIONS

2. Receipt of New Applications – None

VI. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. 0 Military Highway, Lot 3

A site walk was held on 4-23-13.

Edward Wenke, P.E., of Site & Structures LLC, was present for this application, as well as Dave Reagan of Reagan Homes. Plans and specs were reviewed. Wenke gave specifics about the soil scientist's findings. He referred to work being done without the required permit and apologized for the mis-communication. Wenke reviewed the proposed work within the regulated area on two existing lots. Reagan apologized for the condition of the site, noting that he had submitted building permit applications. Staff stated that no permits have been issued and that the Building Official will not issue any until a wetland permit has been obtained.

Wenke reviewed the proposal to pipe an intermittent water course on lot 3. Scott explained why he is not in favor of the engineered solution to a wetland and using piping. He noted that if a ponding issue occurs, the town can change their catch basin so it doesn't pond.

When asked about having contacted the Town Manager to request a temporary construction easement, Mr. Reagan stated no, he had not.

The Agency members expressed concerns about the location of the houses and driveway. Scott would prefer to see 20-25 feet around the wetland area. Wenke stated that he will go back and lay out the plans with a 25 foot buffer before coming back to the Agency.

Wenke asked whether work could continue on the driveway so that a building permit could be issued for lot 1. Staff recommended that no other work or activity, except erosion control, be done before a wetland permit is issued. No remediation work is to be done at this point. Discussion followed about the work that can be done before a permit has been issued.

**MOTION:** To authorize staff to review and approve an erosion control plan that can be implemented prior to the issuance of a wetland permit

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Block, so voted 5 in favor, 1 opposed (Ashworth). Motion Carried.

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Wenke asked permission from the Agency to discuss a property off of Allyn Street, near Greenbriar and Whitehall Streets.

**MOTION:** To amend the Agenda to add preliminary discussion of a property off of Allyn Street, near Greenbriar and Whitehall Streets.

Motion by Sutphen, seconded by Block, so voted unanimously

Wenke reviewed two properties off of Allyn Street, neither of which has been split before and asked the Agency for input prior to applying for a Wetlands permit. He noted that Soil Scientist Don Fortunato has flagged a number of isolated pockets of wetlands. Proposed houses are close to several pockets.

Sutphen suggested reconfiguring the lots to lessen the wetland impact. Scott would like to limit any wetland fill. Staff gave input about zoning regulations. The Agency would like to see the soil scientist's report before doing a site walk. The preliminary discussion will be on the next agenda.

2. Electric Boat Former Midway Facility Corrective Action, 175 Industrial Drive

Staff noted that the applicant is not ready since staff review was just done yesterday.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair

Sutphen reported on the last Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) meeting.

2. Report of Staff - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. by Sutphen, seconded by Block, so voted unanimously

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Dave Scott, Chairman  
Inland Wetland Agency

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